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for department store workers

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CIO RALLIES LABOR TO BEAT STRIKE BREAKING AT HEARNS



Labor began to rally to meet the menace to its existence contained in the "Greenfield Formula". The union-busting program of Albert Greenfield has already been in effect at Hearns for more than fifteen weeks. It may be adopted by other bosses and explode into a all-out anti-union drive. Greenfield, who also owns, or has a fat financial interest in 68 other department stores, half of Philadelphia's transit system, John David clothes, Loft Candy and many other enterprises, has set a course of wiping out all union-won gains of the past sixteen years. To do this he has brought in a local of the AFL Retail Clerks union, which he publicly boasts he "controls". In a further attempt to guarantee his profits against any demands by the workers he has "fired" all of them and claims legal rights only for the scabs he has hired.

Board Plans Full Study Of Constitution

A special meeting of the Local I-S Executive Board will be held within the next two weeks, according to Vice President Phil Hoffstein, who is chairman of the Board.

Sole purpose of the meeting will be consideration of a large number of amendments to the Union Constitution and By-Laws proposed by a Committee on the Constitution, created by the Executive Board almost a year ago.

The committee labored during that time to produce a document that would more closely correspond with the actual needs of the Union and the individual members.

Their proposals cover a wide range of subjects already included, or which they believe should be incorporated in the Constitution. Among the items dealt with by the committee are such questions as eligibility for membership, dues, meeting schedules, trial committee procedures and so on.

Publication Due

Following the special meeting of the Board, all recommended amendments will be published, in full, in the October 1st issue of the Local I-S NEWS. This will enable the entire membership to carefully consider them before they are asked to vote on them at the regularly scheduled meeting on the last Tuesday of October.

The committee's original timetable had called for submission of the recommended changes to the April meeting of the membership. Negotiations and the victorious strike necessitated a change, however.

On the committee are: Chairman Robert Phillips, 7th Floor; Lillian Branca, Parkchester; Jack Toucey, White Plains; Anthony LaSalvia, Jamaica; Jerome Harte, 5th Floor; and Leonard Snyder, 9th Floor.

In addition to its own proposals the committee has considered and incorporated recommendations received from other standing committees, the Local's officers and interested rank and filers.

But it is the step by step methods used by Greenfield that must be examined closely. The "Greenfield Formula" may become as widely known as the infamous "Mohawk Valley" strikebreaking formula of earlier years. The Greenfield technique could become a blueprint for every other boss—if it is allowed to work!

The Plot Unfolds

The plot to destroy the wages and working conditions won by the workers was obviously in the making for a long while. The first step was to stall negotiations and agree to nothing until the contract expired.

Immediately after the expiration of the agreement Greenfield pushed on to the next step. He declared that he was free to fire anyone he wanted to be rid of.

The workers had two choices—they could either stand by like lambs awaiting the slaughter or they could fight back. They chose to fight!

With the strike begun, the "Greenfield Formula" went into high gear. A series of newspaper advertisements denounced the strike as a "rule or ruin" attack by "Communists."

Greenfield's lawyers went into court and demanded an injunction against picketing.

The anti-labor Un-American Activities Committee obligingly opened hearings into the personal and political beliefs of the union's leaders.

Greenfield trotted out a "union" he boastfully says he controls and installed it as a "representative" of the scabs he has hired.

The Public Answers

The public refused to fall for his "red herring". Despite all the (Continued on Page 2)

Dance Committee Reserves Astor Roof Plus Ballroom For Expected Over-Flow

With dance fever running high, Local I-S Committee has reserved the famed Astor Roof as an additional ballroom for an extra crowd and people at the Hotel Astor Welfare Fund's Dance and on Sunday evening, October

With only two weeks to go before the sale of tickets ends Dance

Committee Chairman Tony Puca reports that all signs point to the biggest and most successful affair in the history of the Union. He said, "The Shop Stewards, the members of the Dance Committee and the Administrators have all done a bang-up job. The money has been coming in in a steady stream as people have jumped at

the opportunity to have a wonderful time while aiding their Welfare Fund."

It was on the basis of this enthusiastic response that the Committee asked the Astor management to make available one of the most beautiful dance spots in the city. It also set the wheels rolling for the hiring of still another band to provide for the uninterrupted entertainment of all.

The second band to share the spotlight with Vincent Lopez will be George Romero and his Rhumbas. This group was rated tops by Union members who danced to its music at the last affair. Romero's Rhumbas enjoy an equally high rating wherever they perform and have earned their ranking as "society's favorite Rhumba band".

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STEWARDS ASKED TO HELP AVOID NEEDLESS WOE OF NEW WORKERS

The penalty for not joining Local I-S within the allotted time is automatic dismissal from the job. It is all fairness to the many well-meaning, but inexperienced workers coming into the store, every possible should be done to help their jobs by acquainting them with the facts.

Vice President George Gurian said, "It is the Shop Steward who is in the very best position to assist these newcomers and to keep the Union strong. As soon as a person comes into a department, the Shop Steward should go forward and find out if he or she is a new worker or a transfer. If the person is new to the store, he or she should promptly join Local I-S as soon as possible, but absolutely no later than 30 days after hiring!"

"It should be pointed out that while Local I-S can provide no guarantees before the worker has completed 30 days of service, early affiliation is the best protection against being laid off for failure to join on time.

"In the event that a worker who joined the Union before being in the store 30 days is laid off, a full refund is guaranteed by the Union.

"The new worker should be told that he will be expected to attend a new member's class after he joins the Union, and at that class he will learn of his rights and responsibilities as a member of our fine team. At the end of the class he will receive his Union card—thus completing the process begun by the Shop Steward."



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BRANCH STORE NEWS

PARKCHESTER

Our heartfelt condolences to Ceil Coppin of Ladies Coats on the tragic and most untimely loss of her son. Words can't be much comfort, but we sincerely offer them for what they're worth . . . Jessie Conti now with us in Children's Shoes after twenty years at Herald Square. She is here as a fractional, but we are really glad to have her. Welcome, Jessie! . . . With summer just about a thing of the past (and this one wasn't too bad) we have to begin to look ahead and plan ahead. First big step in this direction is our Divisional Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 21 at the Chester House. With a contract re-opening set for February 1st we all owe it to ourselves and to each other to be present at this meeting. If we learned anything at all from our experiences last April we must have learned that our unity and our determination were two important parts of our victory. We have to bring that same unity and determination to bear if we are to be able to effectively fight for the things we need and want this year. So let's be there—100%! . . . Since vacations are also about finished it is my strong hope that all you readers will help become writers, too, by getting the news of your department in to me. It's the only way it will see light of day!



Fay Mattimiro

FLATBUSH



Anne Bowen

Poetical News: Sorry that you are sick A. Seigel, E. Lieberman and P. Kaplan too. R. Friedman, A. Bevone, C. Weisberger, E. Walsh we certainly miss you. Any others that I don't know about, you really can't blame me—I give you all the news I get, and I'm only one you see . . . The Bowling Club is starting soon—the girls see Dotty McCrum. The boys see Oscar M. and you will have some fun . . . Myra Dubro is engaged right now, and soon to take the marriage vow. Sometime in October I think it will be. Good luck and happiness to you from me . . . K. Cullen and Betty Dudley are waiting on the baby line. Congratulations from everyone. We hope you're feeling fine . . . To Rose Nagler and her anniversary "Mazel Tov" to you. Marie Meehan who was sadly neglected, I wish you happiness too . . . Orlando Bertrand (Closet Shop) "Bert" to you and me, he quietly got married and is happy as can be . . . M. Goldstein from Housewares was here before eight. What's the matter honey, didn't want to be late? . . . Martha Vigilant to Rio De Janiro and other parts of South America, too. You're a lucky girl Martha, here's Bon Voyage to you. Now men, if you are a lover of music and like jokes and riddles, please get married and you will learn just how to play second fiddle!

WHITE PLAINS

Sorry to report that Heleven Irving is still out ill. We're all rooting for a speedy and complete recovery . . . Still waiting to hear from a volunteer who's willing to take on the duties of reporter in Helen's absence. How about it? Just get in touch with Pat Favoino . . . Sorry that we missed the chance to welcome Henry Malgrande, Jr. back from Korea when the news was still fresh. Henry goes back to his Stock job while his father toils on in the Tailor Shop . . . Congratulations to Val Paccio, once of the Sportswear Department, on the birth of her baby girl . . . Glad to report that Alice Healy is now up and around. Looking forward to having you back with us real soon, Alice . . . Our Store Committee is doing an outstanding job in challenging company job reviews. Many new reviews have been won that have resulted in higher rating and in raises. Really a credit to the people doing the job. The only way to guarantee continued success is to make sure that every grievance is written and turned over to the Steward . . . Let's not forget our scheduled Divisional Meeting on September 18th at the Mt. Carmel Church. We'll have lots to do there in preparation for the Fall season and the re-opening of our contract on February 1st. So let's all be there!



Pat Favoino

JAMAICA



Alfred Chiarella

The girls from the Order Board are giving Van Brower a going away dinner prior to her vacation in gay Paree. Maybe on her way she'll meet Betty Halcrow, J10, who is vacationing in Scotland. Bon Voyage! . . . Frances Dichter of J6 would like to thank Local 1-S and all its members for the kindness and help which was rendered her while out ill . . . We welcome back after long illnesses Novella Webb of J6 and Ann Dement who caught sumach poisoning . . . Let's hope that Ronnie Kiefer of J12 will soon be back so that she may start on her vacation with Helen Hober of J12, in September. They are going to do a lot of traveling throughout the country and the Nassau Islands . . . Also going on a long trip is Lillie Lippman who is heading for South America with her husband and brother . . . Back from vacation is Mickey McCauley and her husband who went to Florida and while there celebrated daughter Patricia's 14th birthday . . . Also back are: Mrs. Clive Larkin, J10; Helen Gorman, J9; June O'Donoghue, J9; Louise Ritzman, Adjustment; Dorothy Wiltsey, J10; Frieda Gies, J10 and Evelyn Whitlie of J10. Evelyn came back to a well deserved promotion from J5 . . . Sorry to find on our sick list Joe Mandello, J6, Edna Nerenberg, J4 and Rose Avella. Hope you're all well soon.

Board Urges Action on Sick Pay Tax; Hears Report on Two Major Strikes

The Local 1-S Executive Board, at its regular meeting in July, heard reports on the vicious anti-labor tactics being used against the Hearn workers in New York and the Arma workers in Nassau; backed a campaign to force Macy's to take steps to end the taxation of sick benefits; re-instated a previously expelled member; and endorsed several points of Union policy.

City CIO

Vice President Phil Hoffstein, reporting as the leader of the Local 1-S delegation to the New York CIO Council, reported on that group's grave concern over two major strikes. The Council first turned its attention to the thirteen week old battle at Hearn. Hoffstein made it clear that CIO is determined to do all it can to see this fight through to victory and that new means will be looked for to increase the pressure, through labor and community actions.

Reporting on the strike of the CIO's International Union of Electrical Workers at the Arma plant in Nassau County, the Vice President said:

"The CIO sees a critical danger in the ganging up of the bosses and the politicians against these workers. They are making every effort to smash this strike and the CIO Council is determined to make every effort to help the workers win it."

Re-instated

Harold Bliven, freight elevator operator expelled last January, was restored to membership in the Union after he had returned himself to good standing.

The action of the Board in such cases is taken only after it has heard substantial evidence to uphold the belief that a worker has

brought his attitude toward the Union, as well as his dues, into good standing.

Sick Pay Tax

President Sam Kovenetsky told the Board members of repeated suggestions to get Macy's to place their Sick Benefit insurance in the hands of a private insurance company. "This move is necessary," he said, "if our members are to have the advantage of tax-exempt payments. This is a direct result of a change in the law aimed at benefitting the large insurance companies, by making their payments exempt. Our members, whose incomes are lowest during periods of sickness, must not suffer for this change. We must do all we can to bring pressure on Macy's to make them place this insurance in the hands of a private carrier to avoid the penalties imposed on us by this law."

Members can make their feelings known by department meetings with supervisors or superintendents or delegations to the 16th Floor Labor Relations Office.

Contract Enforcement

President Kovenetsky charged that the "inexcusable" delay in the signing of the contract was a result of difficulties arriving at final legal language. Further delay resulted when Macy attorney Smiley interrupted work on the agreement to take a vacation.

The Union's leader urged that any and every case of Macy's refusal to honor the agreement simply because it has not been signed be reported to the Local's officers at once.

Other Actions

The Board approved the Union's policy of advising all members on extended leaves of absence of their responsibilities to Local 1-S, as defined in the Constitution. The move was made to avoid any misunderstandings as to the eligibility for Union benefits of members on leave but in bad standing.

As a means of avoiding legal entanglements in the payment of death benefits a new procedure was outlined and also approved.

LABOR RALLIES . . .

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ads and a "20% discount sale" the people of New York respected the workers' picket lines.

Despite the injunction limiting pickets to 200 at a time the morale of the strikers remained high.

Despite the fishing expedition of Chairman Velde and his Committee and the principled refusal of the union's leaders to answer their questions the strike remained solid.

Despite the "firing" of the 800 strikers and the installing of a company union, the workers remained determined to fight on.

More Dirty Work

At that point Greenfield reached into his second bag of tricks.

His lawyers went back into court. This time they demanded an injunction against all picketing, because the pickets were no longer his employees and were "strangers". Judge Cohn, father of the McCarthy Committee's Roy Cohn, agreed to limit the pickets to three to each door. Then Greenfield ordered all but three of the store's entrances closed, leaving only nine pickets to advise the public of the strike!

Then came the bombshell! The Regional Office of the National Labor Relations Board dismissed the union's charges of unfair labor practices against the company on the grounds that the union's members had participated in a stoppage in violation of the contract **AFTER THE CONTRACT HAD EXPIRED!**

The full significance of this ruling, if it is upheld by the National Board in Washington, is that it amends the hated Taft-Hartley Act by administrative interpretation. Such a change would put a gun to the head of any union that en-

gages in job actions to force the boss to negotiate or live up to a contract.

The Hearn workers have been fighting to force Greenfield to recognize them and bargain with them. The NLRB's shocking decision, however, makes this an "economic" strike within the meaning of T-H, rather than a fight for "recognition". This distinction can mean the difference between life and death.

The law says that strikers in a fight for "recognition" have the right to vote in a Labor Board election. Strikers in an "economic" fight—that is, a fight for higher pay, shorter hours, etc., do not have that right, while the scabs hired by the boss do.

Therefore, if this decision is allowed to stand, the strikers would be left on the outside looking in, while the scabs vote for the "union" of their choice!

Fight Goes On

The courageous stand of the 800 Hearn strikers has rallied the full support of CIO and many community organizations. A committee has been set up by the New York State CIO to study all means of smashing the "Greenfield Formula" and of winning the strike. Local 1-S Vice President George Garian, along with representatives of the United Auto Workers, CIO's Textile Workers and many others are now grappling with the problem. Top leaders of the CIO in the City, State and Region are actively involved in the fight. As quickly as their decisions are made they will be acted upon by Local 1-S. Only mass support for their recommendations will help win the strike and defeat the union-busting attack that now threatens every organized worker!

EXPULSION! Roll of Dishonor

To their everlasting dishonor, the following are those who scabbed or otherwise refused to abide by the majority decisions of their co-workers.

They have been expelled from our Union and already feel the scorn and contempt of all those with whom they come in contact.

Katherine Barry—Tables
Jean Benson—MCU
Adele A. Black—114 Dept.
Santa Cutroneo—BTO
Jeanne Delormes—FSS
Carolyn Donovan—RMMW
Florence Grace—116 Dept.
Christine Gray—279 Dept.
Julia Kroll—RMMW
Ira Moore—WPC3
Adelaide Watson—903 Dept.

EXPULSION and already out of the job

Theresa Gouaux—W3
Murray Wolff

Awaiting trial for scabbing
Elaine Wallenberg—17 Dept.

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Dance Time Nears . . .

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If the final ticket sale justifies the use of the Astor Roof, as well as the Grand Ballroom, still a third band will be engaged. In any case, says Tony Puca, "Vincent Lopez, music master of the evening, will be seen, heard and enjoyed by all."

Stewards Urged
Since so much last minute planning depends on an accurate determination of the number of tickets sold, Chairman Puca addressed the following special appeal to all Shop Stewards:
"All money and unsold tickets must be returned to the Union office no later than the end of the second week of September. This means that if the people of your department

have not yet all paid for tickets they should be approached immediately. No tickets can be held out for payment in the future. The success of our plans depends entirely on the amount of cash we have on hand. With your help we know that we can guarantee an affair that will never be forgotten."

Dance Committee
On the Committee responsible for the planning of the gala evening are:
Tony Puca, Chairman; Irene Barrow; Francis Borgis; Helen Broderick Ceil Curry; Bob Enoch; Gertrude Haig; Edward Hansell; Jay Hirsch; John Malone; Lillian Mills; Linda Obler; Robert Phillips; Helen Ruderman and Dick Vaughan.



Vincent Lopez, one of the biggest drawing cards in the musical entertainment field, will be the music master of the Union dance on Oct. 4.



George Romero and his Rhumbas will share the spotlight with the famous Lopez dance orchestra. Romero's Latin music was equally enjoyed by both dancers and listeners at the last I-S dance. Popular acclaim brings him back to the Hotel Astor on Sunday evening, Oct. 4th.

OFFICIAL NOTICE
Divisional Meeting Schedule

This is the only official notice to be given for Divisional Meetings. Admission will be by 1953 Union card.
An unexcused absence will be liable to a \$2 assessment to the Welfare Fund as provided for in Article IX, Section 4 of the Local I-S Constitution.
BE SURE TO ATTEND!

GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE
1st Floor (PT)*	Tues. Sept. 15	5:00	Auditorium***
1st Floor (FT)*	Tues. Sept. 15	6:45	Auditorium
2nd Floor (PT)	Tues. Sept. 15	6:45	Conference***
3rd Floor (PT)	Wed. Sept. 16	5:00	Auditorium
3rd Floor (FT)	Wed. Sept. 16	6:45	Auditorium
Food Dept. (PT-FT)	Wed. Sept. 16	4:45 & 7:15 p.m.	Conference
Parkchester (PT)	Mon. Sept. 21	6:00	Chester House
DA (PT-FT)	Tues. Sept. 22	6:30	Auditorium
Main Floor (PT-FT)**	Wed. Sept. 23	6:45	Auditorium
Comp. Shopping	Thurs. Sept. 24	6:00	Auditorium
4th Floor (PT)	Fri. Sept. 25	5:00	Auditorium
4th Floor (FT)	Fri. Sept. 25	6:45	Auditorium
Supply & FSM (PT)	Fri. Sept. 25	4:30	Conference
Supply & FSM (FT)	Fri. Sept. 25	6:30	Conference
White Plains	Mon. Sept. 28	6:15	Mt. Carmel Church
Packing (PT-FT)**	Wed. Sept. 30	6:45	Auditorium
5th Floor (PT)	Fri. Oct. 2	5:00	Auditorium
5th Floor (FT)	Fri. Oct. 2	6:30	Auditorium
Adv.-Display B. Stand's (PT)	Mon. Oct. 5	4:30	Auditorium
Adv.-Display B. Stand's (FT)	Mon. Oct. 5	6:30	Auditorium
Receiving	Tues. Oct. 6	6:30	Auditorium
Controllers (PT-FT)**	Wed. Oct. 7	6:30	Auditorium
6th Floor	Fri. Oct. 9	6:45	Auditorium
6th Floor (PT)	Tues. Oct. 13	5:00	Auditorium
6th Floor (FT)	Tues. Oct. 13	6:45	Auditorium
Mfg. (PT-FT)	Wed. Oct. 14	6:30	Auditorium
7th Floor (PT)	Fri. Oct. 16	5:00	Auditorium
7th Floor (FT)	Fri. Oct. 16	6:45	Auditorium
Flatbush	Mon. Oct. 19	6:45	Astor
8th Floor (PT)	Wed. Oct. 21	4:30	Auditorium
8th Floor (FT)	Wed. Oct. 21	6:30	Auditorium
9th Floor (PT)	Fri. Oct. 24	5:00	Auditorium
9th Floor (FT)	Fri. Oct. 24	6:45	Auditorium
10th Floor	Wed. Oct. 28	6:15	Grace Church
11th Floor (PT)	Wed. Oct. 28	5:00	Auditorium
11th Floor (FT)	Wed. Oct. 28	6:45	Auditorium
Housekeeping	Fri. Oct. 30	10:15 & 11:15 a.m.	Auditorium
		3:15 & 6:15 p.m.	

*PT, Part-Time, FT, Full-Time
**Combined PT-FT Meeting to elect Executive Board member
***At Union office, 290 Seventh Avenue (Between 26 & 27 St.)

Upholding the Freedom to Read

The following article is reprinted from the July 6, 1953 issue of the CIO NEWS.

"Don't join the book burners," said President Eisenhower in a recent off-the-cuff remark. Here is a digest of a statement on the freedom to read and to publish, adopted recently by the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers Council. The statement was drafted by a group headed by Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress and UNESCO's new director-general.

The freedom to read is essential to our democracy. It is under attack. Private groups and public authorities in various parts of the country are working to remove books from sale, to censor text books, to label "controversial" books, to distribute lists of "objectionable" books or authors and to purge libraries.

These actions apparently rise from a view that our national tradition of free expression is no longer valid, that censorship and suppression are needed. We wish to assert the public interest in the preservation of the freedom to read.

We are deeply concerned about these attempts at suppression. Most such attempts rest on a denial of the fundamental premise of democracy; that the ordinary citizen, by exercising his critical judgment, will accept the good and reject the bad.

Free Enterprise of Ideas

We trust Americans to recognize propaganda, and to reject obscenity. We do not believe that they are prepared to sacrifice their heritage of a free press in order to be "protected" against what others think may be bad for them. We believe they still favor free enterprise in ideas and expression.

We are aware of course that books are not alone in being subjected to efforts at suppression. We are aware of a larger pattern of pressures being brought against education, the press, films, radio and television.

Such pressure toward conformity is perhaps natural to a time of uneasy change and pervading fear. And yet suppression is never more

dangerous than in such a time of social tension.

Freedom has given the U. S. the elasticity to endure strain. Freedom keeps open the path of novel and creative solutions, and enables change to come by choice.

Now, as always in our history, books are among our greatest instruments of freedom. The freedom to read is guaranteed by the Constitution. Those with faith in free men will stand on the Constitutional guarantees of essential rights and will exercise the responsibilities that accompany these rights.

Propositions for Freedom

We therefore affirm these propositions:

1. It is in the public interest for publishers and librarians to make available the widest diversity of views and expressions, including those which are unorthodox or unpopular with the majority.
2. Publishers and librarians do not need to endorse every idea or presentation contained in the books they make available.
3. It is contrary to the public interest for publishers and librarians to determine the acceptability of a book solely on the basis of the personal history or political affiliations of the author.
4. The present laws dealing with obscenity should be vigorously enforced. Beyond that, there is no place in our society for extralegal efforts to coerce the taste of others.
5. It is not in the public interest to force a reader to accept with any book the prejudgment of a label characterizing the book or author as subversive or dangerous.
6. It is the responsibility of publishers and librarians, as guardians of the people's freedom to read, to contest encroachments upon that freedom by individuals or groups seeking to impose their own standards or tastes upon the community at large.
7. It is the responsibility of publishers and librarians to give full meaning to the freedom to read by providing books that enrich the quality of thought and expression. By exercise of this affirmative responsibility, bookmen can demonstrate that the answer to

a bad book is a good one.

We do not state these propositions in the comfortable belief that what people read is unimportant. We believe rather that what people read is deeply important; that ideas can be dangerous; but that suppression of ideas is fatal to a democratic society. Freedom itself is a dangerous way of life, but it is ours.

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local I-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office within 30 days from the end of the month in which you leave the store.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan, enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself—protect your family—protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time!

We Mourn

The loss of the following Union members is deeply felt and mourned by their loved ones, their co-workers and all of Local I-S.

- Died March 30, 1953
Dorothea Dolan, P10
- Died April 22, 1953
Mary Alice Edwards, CPG
- Died May 14, 1953
Antonio D'Alessandro, HWP
- Died May 28, 1953
Ernest Nash, RGK
- Died June 11, 1953
Albert R. Dichiera, HWP
- Died June 16, 1953
Audrey Sheridan, 913
- Died June 17, 1953
Joseph Hassid, RMLH
- Died July 3, 1953
Raymond Elway, J2
- Died July 8, 1953
Mae Marshall, 124

"Local Laughs" introduces a new feature to the Local I-S NEWS.

Artist Rudy Cristiano, of the Receiving Department, has volunteered the strip in response to our request for suggested means of making our paper even better than it is.

If you have a situation in your department that will add up to a good comic strip, why not send your idea to the editor and let us draw forth some more "Local Laughs".

LOCAL LAUGHS



OH, MR. KNICKLEBY, I'M HAVING A TRYING TIME WITH THAT NEW MAN. (SOB.)



MR. GHASTLY DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG WITH THE MEN. IT'S A SHAME! GOOD MAN! I HOPE WE DON'T LOSE HIM TO OUR ALASKAN BRANCH... OH WELL, A WORD WITH THE MARKER?



LATER SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE TO YOU, GHASTLY... NEVER GET A MARKER ANGRY!



CIO Resolution on Political Action

The New York State CIO Resolution on Political Action, adopted at a conference held last April, outlines the main issues facing the people in the municipal elections and projects a program to mobilize "maximum strength" against "reaction, corruption and the raids of vested interests".

The full text of the Resolution follows:

An accounting of the record in Albany and in Washington since the beginning of the year reveals a full-scale assault by the forces of reaction against the hard-won economic and social gains of the people.

We cite these items in the record of the legislature and state administration: the shameless weakening of rent controls so that profit-bloated real estate interests will profit to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars at the expense of tenants; the ultimatum served on the people of New York City to accept a fiscal program which takes the greatest toll from the lowest income brackets including a transit authority with unlimited powers to increase fares and a payroll tax, one of the most vicious and discriminatory methods of taxation yet devised; the approval of public exposure of families applying for relief; the renewed attempt to bar unions from political action; the attempts to destroy child labor laws and weaken unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation; the failure to meet mounting crises in housing, education and health services.

Congress Record

We cite these items in the record of Congress and the national administration: the move to surrender billions of dollars in off-shore oil resources which are the property of the people of the nation to three states and to the giant oil interests which will reap the profits of this surrender; the threat of additional vicious and destructive provisions in the Taft-Hartley Act and the encouragement given state governments to go even further in stripping labor of its basic rights; the cynical retention of Senate rules which kill all hope of affirmative action on civil rights; the concentration in congressional committees on smearing the administration of Roosevelt and Truman in order to lay the groundwork for moves to destroy the tremendous gains achieved by the people under the New Deal and Fair Deal; the monopoly on all posts of authority and responsibility in government agencies given to dedicated representatives of Big Business and the purge conducted by these representatives against government employees under them in order to assure that their agencies solidly and exclusively reflect the big business point of view.

We condemn these acts and these failures to act. We condemn the abject service to special interests at the expense of the public interest which has been demonstrated by the majority of the New York State Legislature and the Congress of the United States. We condemn the indifference and timidity of those in high office which have added to the strength and arrogance of McCarthyism and increase the threat to our civil liberties and our leadership in the cause of world peace and human freedom.

The people of our state and nation must meet this challenge. We must reaffirm by actions as well as by words our dedication to progress. We must demonstrate our determination that the welfare and security of the people shall come first in the conduct of government and not be made subsidiary to the demands of corporate greed.

Tasks

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the New York CIO Council and its affiliates together with others in the community sincerely devoted to protecting and promoting economic well-being, human rights and the security of our state and nation, dedicate itself to the following tasks:

1) Rally maximum strength behind the true liberals in Congress, our state legislature and in local governing bodies to encourage their fight against reaction, corruption and the raids of vested interests.

2) Keep the issues clearly before the people so that they will not be swayed by appeals to fear our organizations and emotion but will act on the basis of facts.

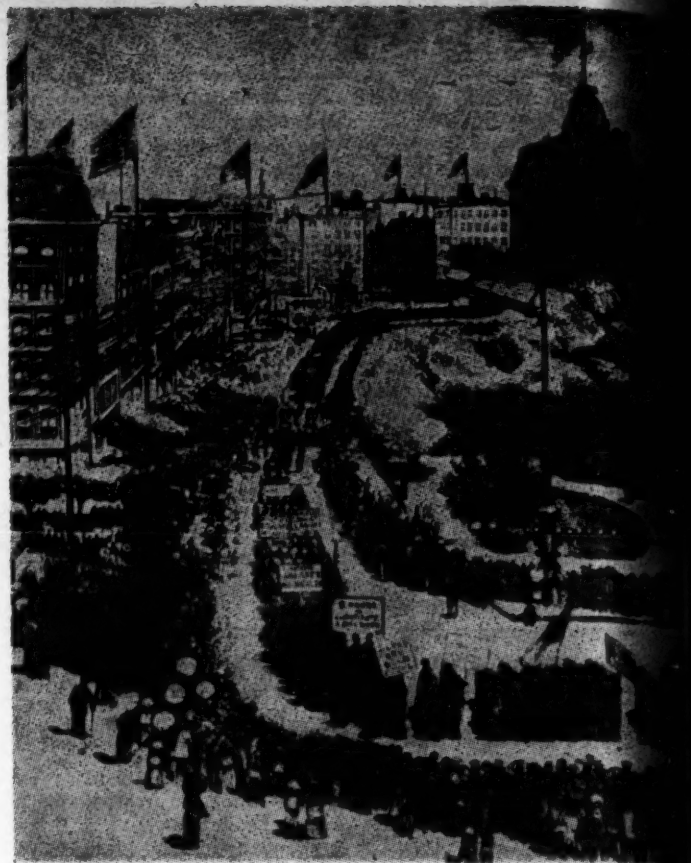
3) Begin at once to prepare our organizations for vigorous and effective political action leading to the state and congressional elections of 1954.

Be It Further Resolved:

That the State CIO arrange similar conferences on a regional basis through the state in order to carry this work forward; and

Be It Further Resolved:

We call upon the Governor to call the legislature into special session to reconsider the fiscal program it has imposed on the people of New York City and the rent increase program it has imposed on the people of all cities of the state. We call on the State CIO to summon a legislative conference in Albany in connection with this special session to which representatives of like minded groups shall be invited and this conference shall press our demand for public hearings on these vital issues.



Labor Day 1882-1953

This Labor Day marks the 71st observance of the "day set aside as a festive day for a parade through the streets of New York", as was first suggested by Peter J. McGuire.

These 71 years have seen many changes, most of them produced by the workers who have waged the organized fights for shorter hours, higher pay and full respect for the rights of those who labor. Despite a smear campaign that

led the New York Times to write that "many trade unions of the city are led by foreign radicals", more than 30,000 trade unionists were in the line of march on September 5, 1882.

"We can be proud to be a part of the labor movement on this anniversary", said Local 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky. "And we can be especially proud that our strength has added greatly to the strength of all."

TO THE EDITOR

WONDERFUL THING

I am glad to take this opportunity for thanking the Union for the blood which they supplied when I was operated on recently.

It is a wonderful thing to know that this service is available when it is needed most. I want you to know that I appreciate all you have done for me.

Sincerely,

Shirley Ravner, Packing

ONE AND ALL

I take this opportunity of thanking you (one and all) for the wonderful get well card and carton of cigarettes I received while on sick leave, which I thought was certainly a wonderful expression of good fellowship and brotherly love.

Also permit me to offer my sincere appreciation for same.

I may add—That I know from what I learned from other members of Local 1-S who have been on sick leave what good work your board has been doing and trust they will be able to carry on in the future as in the past.

Very truly yours,

Bro. John J. Burns, 74 Dept.

APPRECIATION

Please accept my appreciation and gratitude for check received for the doctor. I want to thank you for taking care of the hospital expenses and sending me back \$7.50 from the fund.

Your kindness will never be forgotten by me.

Edith Bowen, 26 Dept.

SUCCESS

Dear Mr. Kovenetsky:

Now that the Booth Canvass Campaign of the New York City Cancer Committee for funds in 1953 is over, we wish to thank you for the help you and the members of Local 1-S of the United Department Store Workers of America gave to the drive.

Solicitation on Tag Day by the members of your Union resulted in collections amounting to \$768.25. Teams such as this are a most important part of the Tag Day program.

We regret that we do not have the addresses of your team workers in order that we may thank them individually. May we rely on you to extend our thanks to them?

It is only through cooperation and help of this sort that we are able to raise the funds needed to conquer this dread disease. We hope that we may look forward to your assistance again in 1954.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Earl Harkness

Chairman,

Booth Canvass Committee

WONDERFUL RESPONSE

The wonderful response of your union (which my wife thinks very highly of) in giving unlimited blood is responsible for her continued progress.

We also appreciated the wonderful cards and many other things her co-workers, supervisors and union sent.

We are thankful to Mary's Shop Steward, Felix Douse, for all he has done. He is swell.

Sincerely,

Arthur Collins, husband of Mary Collins, MCU

HEARTFELT THANKS

Please accept the most heartfelt thanks from my wife, a member of Local 1-S, and myself.

To most people the expression "In Union There is Strength" has only one meaning. To my wife and I it has many. The joining together of all the officials to lend assistance to its members in time of need, gives the needed strength of peace of mind to the one in distress. The joining together of the many Union members of the department and the store in general, to send the many expressions of their sincere friendship and wishes for a speedy recovery, this gives one the added pride of being a member of the same Union.

Again let me express my personal thanks to the Union for recommending Dr. Nathan Mintz and suggesting that my wife place herself in his care during her illness. He is a surgeon par excellence, a gentleman and a doctor with a deep human feeling for the well-being of his patient.

May you continue to prosper in the years to come so that you can impress on all the workers that in Union there is strength for all.

Sincerely,

Samuel Schutzman

for Mary Schutzman, 6 Dept.

PERSONALS

WANTED — 1½ room apartment, Queens preferred. To \$50. Phone HA 9-5411 from 8 P. M. or all day Saturday and Sunday.

WANTED—One business woman will gladly pay \$50-\$60 for 1½, 2 or 3 rooms. Village preferred or any part of Manhattan. Phone DI 5-1213 between 9 and 10 A.M.

WANTED—4 or 5 unfurnished rooms in Manhattan, to \$70, urgently needed. Call UN 5-7520 weekdays after 7 P.M., all day Sat. and Sun.

FOR SALE — RCA Victor 12½" television console with phonograph attachment. \$75. Call TA 3-5381 between 5 and 7 P. M.

FOR SALE—Beautiful new spinet "Pennington" type, with bench. Very reasonable. Call LO 8-8289 after 7 P.M. Sat. and Sun. till noon.

FOR SALE—1951 Buick Riviera 4 door sedan. Two tone, Dynalloy dual radio and heater. Tinted glass, low mileage, original owners, excellent condition. Sacrifice. Call FA 7-1048 after 5 P.M.

FOR SALE—7 cu. ft. Westinghouse refrigerator. Excellent condition. Looks modern! \$35. Call BE 6-0013.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

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